# SIDEWRITER

Product: Utility Machines: BBC B,/B+ with Sideways RAM, M128/Compact. Format: 40/80T disc. Cost £7.95 5.25" disc / £9.95 3.5" disc Available: **Now** Author: Mike Ginns

How many times have you been at your BBC Micro and wanted to make a quick note of something? Does your keyboard get buried under a mound of paper. Is the paperless office ever further away. SideWriter is a memory resident notepad for BBC Micro owners with Sideways RAM, and all Master 128 and Master Compact users. It's available for use at any time when using a program. And the beauty of it is that you can use it with *any* program, even arcade games, and it will never corrupt memory or files. Also, whatever you were doing, SideWriter returns you to exactly where you left off.

SideWriter is simply installed in your machine from disc (including a hard disc) and stays dormant until you need it. Its presence does not corrupt or interfere with any other program. However when you activate it by pressing CTRL-SHIFT and TAB at the same time, your current activity is suspended, and SideWriter takes over. Pressing TAB alone returns you to your application.

The SideWriter screen is a large Mode 7 page, upon which the screen forms a window. You can scroll up down left and right, and view any part of the page. Also, text can be typed in, and edited by overtyping. The total capacity of the window is nearly 10,000 characters, allowing fairly substantial note-taking.

SideWriter provides two additional star commands to your system. \*PADCLEAR will wipe the SideWriter page, allowing you to start with a clean sheet. \*PADPRINT will print the entire 127x75 character text area in condensed mode to an Epson-compatible or wide carriage daisy-wheel printer.



Additional programs on the utility disc

The SideWriter Disc contains additional utility programs to load and save the contents of the program to a disc file. A copy of the program is saved with each file, and thus only one file needs to be kept. The reloader works with all popular types of Sideways RAM including Watford & Solidisk (all types). As well as this the disc contains several ready-to-load

pads covering including suitable ones for programmers, business users, and home users. These can of course be modified to suit your tastes. The reloader program can load SideWriter into any Sideways RAM bank, and some RAM boards, directly initialise it as well.

### WHAT CAN YOU USE SIDEWRITER FOR?

#### Just about anything! Here are a few examples:

#### Programmers

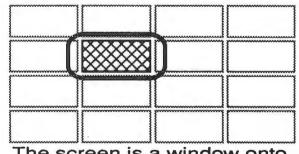
- Making notes on a program as it's being written
- Noting values from trace monitors, debuggers
- Keeping lists of variables, procedures, labels
- · Storing a list of standard entry points and values
- Keep lists of syntax of commands

#### Business

- · Store keystrip information in case you mislay the strip
- Take telephone notes if you're interrupted
- · Jot down ideas as they occur when wordprocessing
- Keep your company price list, and other standard
- information needed while working. Home and Education
- Note your file names and other info as you work
- Utilise fully your Sideways RAM
- Design colourful Mode 7 frames
- Use while on-line with your modem
- Game

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- Keep a note of the keys to use
- Keep a map in an adventure game the layout means you can draw an accurate plan



## The screen is a window onto the larger page

ORDERS: You can order SideWriter from your local dealer, or in case of difficulty directly from Dabs Press. If you have one, support your local dealer by ordering through him. Trade enquiries welcome.



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